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SENT MANAGUA 8, REPEATED INFORMATION DEPARTMENT 142.

Re your telcon with Hill.

Please tell President Somoza I am appreciative his prompt offer help in this difficult situation. My effort has been to end fighting on edge of city in which corps of cadets of Escuela Politecnica attacked Liberation Army encampment this morning following incident last night in which liberation elements forced two cadets into local bawdy house, made them strip and attempted perpetuate gross indignities on their persons and reportedly killing one of them in ensuing brawl. Colonel Monzon and Major Oliva, acting for junta in Castillo's absence this morning, succeeded in keeping regular army as whole from taking action, although Major Sosa of Base Migitar apparently defied orders and aided cadets (Embassy telegram 140 to Department, 7 to Managua).

Danger at present is that further provocation will solidify regular army against liberation movement endangering very existence of liberal forces now holed up in Roosevelt Hospital Building and running low on ammunition. In this connection Nicaraguan military attache, Major Sanchez, appears to be causing difficulties as he is reliably reported going about town offering support to liberation elements interested in overthrowing regime.

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